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MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS FOR ATTEMPTED TRANSFER OF OBSCENE MATERIAL TO HIS 12-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER

FRESNO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that JOHN DELOS WILSON, 37, of Ridgecrest, California was sentenced on June 13, 2008 by United States District Court Judge Lawrence J. O'Neill to a prison term of 240 months and a supervised release term of three years for two counts of attempted transfer of obscene material to a minor. WILSON is presently serving a 12-year sentence for continuous sexual abuse of the eight-year-old friend of his daughter. This sentence is to be served consecutively with his current state sentence.

The case was the result of an extensive investigation by United States Postal Inspection Service in San Francisco, California.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Sheila Oberto, who prosecuted the case, WILSON admitted that he sent two sexually explicit letters to his 12-year-old daughter. Following entry of WILSON's guilty plea, law enforcement found additional letters describing sexually explicit conduct between him and his daughter and a drawing of a naked female, which were considered by Judge O'Neill when imposing the sentence.

WILSON came to the attention of law enforcement in December 2006 when officials at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation contacted the United States Postal Inspection Service with information that WILSON, who was serving his state sentence, was

suspected of using the U.S. mail to send sexually explicit pictures to his daughter. The subsequent investigation uncovered that during telephone conversations with his daughter, WILSON threatened suicide in an attempt to manipulate his daughter into writing him sexually explicit letters and having her engage in various sexual acts. He also discussed a drawing he had mailed to her which he described as a picture of him and her having sex. WILSON told his daughter he wanted her to take “special pictures” of herself with a digital or Polaroid camera and instructed her how to secrete the pictures within the inner packaging of an envelope so they could be smuggled into the prison through the mail. Postal Inspectors, working with Child Protective Services, discovered that he had been molesting his daughter since she was in kindergarten.

In sentencing the defendant to the statutory maximum of 120 months on each count, Judge O’Neill noted that WILSON was “a skilled manipulator” who victimized his daughter for an extended period of time and observed that “it was beyond description to believe that someone who is part of the human race” would engage in the conduct WILSON did with his own daughter.

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